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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

b 1. (Currently amended) An organic light emitting diode (OLED) display, comprising:

- a back panel comprising a thermally conductive material;
- a front panel substantially parallel to the back panel;
- a heat dissipating structure attached to a surface of the back panel opposite the front panel;

an array of OLED pixels positioned between the front panel and the back panel; and a plurality of thermally conductive elements positioned between the OLED pixels and the back panel and distributed throughout the array of OLED pixels, each thermally conductive element positioned between the back panel and a conductive line in thermal contact with one of the OLED pixels, such that heat generated by the OLED pixels is dissipated through the conductive line, the thermally conductive elements, and the back panel; and to the heat dissipating structure, the thermally conductive elements provide a path of low thermal resistance from the OLED pixels to the back panel.

- 2. (Original) The display of claim 1, wherein each OLED pixel comprises a plurality of OLED sub-pixel regions that emit different colors of light.
- 3. (Original) The display of claim 1, wherein the thermally conductive elements comprise solder joints.
- 4. (Original) The display of claim 3, wherein there is at least one solder joint positioned between each OLED pixel and the back panel.
- 5. (Original) The display of claim 4, wherein:
 each OLED pixel has at least one cathode contact; and
 a solder joint for each OLED pixel on the cathode contact between the OLED pixel and
 the back panel.

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(Original) The display of claim 5, wherein: 6.

each OLED pixel has at least one anode contact; and

a solder joint for each OLED pixel on the anode contact between the anode contact and the back panel.

- (Original) The display of claim 6, wherein at least a portion of the solder joints 7. conducts electrical current to the OLED pixels.
- (Original) The display of claim 1, wherein the array of OLED pixels is divided 8. into a plurality of subsets of adjacent pixels.
- (Original) The display of claim 8, wherein there is at least one thermally conductive element positioned between each pixel subset and the back panel.
- (Original) The display of claim 9, wherein: 10. each pixel subset includes an OLED pixel having at least one cathode contact; and a thermally conductive element for each pixel subset on the cathode contact between the pixel subset and the back panel.
- (Original) The display of claim 10, wherein: 11. each pixel subset includes an OLED pixel having at least one anode contact; and a thermally conductive element for each pixel subset between the anode contact and the back panel.
- (Original) The display of claim 11, wherein at least a portion of the thermally 12. conductive elements conducts electrical current to the OLED pixels.
- (Currently amended) The display of claim 1, wherein the back panel comprises 13. thermally conductive material of the back panel is a ceramic material.

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14. (Original) The display of claim 1, further comprising an epoxy material to affix the front panel to the back panel such that the epoxy material occupies the space between the thermally conductive elements.

(Currently amended) The display of claim 1, further comprising wherein the heat 15. dissipating structure is a heat fin coupled to the surface of the back panel opposite to the front panel.

- 16. (Original) The display of claim 15, further comprising a:cooling fan to force airflow over the heat fin.
 - (Currently amended) An OLED display, comprising: 17.
 - a back panel comprising a thermally conductive material;
 - a front panel substantially parallel to the back panel;
- a heat dissipating structure attached to a surface of the back panel opposite the front panel:

an array of OLED pixels positioned between the front panel and the back panel, wherein the array of OLED pixels is divided into a plurality of subsets; and

an array of solder joints distributed throughout the array of OLED pixels such that at least one solder joint is positioned between each pixel subset and the back panel, wherein the solder joints dissipate heat from the OLED pixels and at least a portion of the solder joints conduct electrical current to the OLED pixels;

wherein each solder joint is positioned between the back panel and either an anode line or a cathode line such that the solder joint provides thermal dissipation from the OLED pixel, to the back panel, and to the heat dissipating structure.

(Currently amended) The display of claim 17, wherein the back panel comprises 18. thermally conductive material of the back panel is a ceramic material.

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- (Original) The display of claim 17, wherein each OLED pixel comprises three 19. OLED sub-pixel regions that emit different colors of light.
- (Original) The display of claim 17, wherein the portion of the solder joints that 20. conduct electrical current are electrically connected to at least one back panel interconnect.
- (Currently amended) The display of claim 17, further comprising wherein the 21. heat dissipating structure is a heat fin coupled to the surface of the back panel opposite to the front panel.
- 22. (Original) The display of claim 21, further comprising a cooling fan to force airflow over the heat fin.

Claims 23-29 (Cancelled)

- 30. (New) An OLED display, comprising:
- a back panel having at least one electrical interconnection line formed thereon;
- a front panel substantially parallel to the back panel; and

an array of OLED pixels positioned between the front panel and the back panel, wherein each OLED pixel is operable to emit light when an electrical current is conducted though the OLED pixel between an anode line and a cathode line,

wherein each cathode line is electrically connected to the electrical interconnection line of the back panel by thermally conductive elements formed at each OLED pixel and positioned between the cathode line and the electrical interconnection line.

(New) The display of claim 30, wherein each anode line is electrically connected 31. to at least one of the electrical interconnection lines of the back panel by thermally conductive elements formed at each OLED pixel and positioned between the anode line and the electrical interconnection line of the back panel.

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- (New) The display of claim 30, wherein each OLED pixel comprises a plurality 32. of OLED sub-pixel regions that emit different colors of light.
- (New) The display of claim 30, wherein the thermally conductive elements 33. comprise solder.
- (New) The display of claim 33, wherein each OLED pixel has: 34. at least one cathode contact formed between the cathode line and the electrical interconnection line of the back panel; and

a solder joint for each OLED pixel on the cathode contact between the OLED pixel and the back panel.

- (New) An OLED display, comprising; 35.
- a back panel having at least one electrical interconnection line;
- a front panel substantially parallel to the back panel;

an array of OLED pixels positioned between the front panel and the back panel, the array of OLED pixels having at least one centrally located OLED pixel that is formed at a non-edge location of the array, wherein the centrally located pixel has an anode contact located at the nonedge location; and

a thermally conductive element on the anode contact at the non-edge location to electrically connect the anode contact and the electrical interconnection line of the back panel.

- (New) The display of claim 35, wherein the central pixel has a cathode contact 36. located at the non-edge location, and a second thermally conductive element is formed on the cathode contact to electrically connect the cathode contact to the electrical connection line of the back panel.
- (New) The display of claim 35, wherein each OLED pixel comprises a plurality 37. of OLED sub-pixel regions that emit different colors of light.

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(New) he display of claim 35, wherein the thermally conductive elements 38.

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